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Mr. Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

*RE: MB Docket No. 14-57*

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am proud to address this letter to the FCC to voice my support of the proposed Time Warner Cable/Comcast transaction. I am President & CEO of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, an organization of over 2,200 members that represent Savannah's business community. Comcast has been a long time community partner, providing guidance and technical and financial support to major education and economic initiatives. With Comcast's strong record of commitment and support, our organization has been able to achieve its mission of building a legacy of lasting leadership and economic development in Savannah.

The Savannah Area Chamber's central mission is to mobilize and connect businesses to drive community development and public policies that promote sustainable growth. However, our Chamber takes a more active role in pursuing grassroots community development opportunities, as well as driving public policy on matters such as education and transportation. Comcast has been a key supporter, providing funding for activities such as our networking events with local elected officials and small businesses as well as joining in our efforts to honor military veterans.

Education is a focal point at our Chamber. Comcast's support and nationwide programming has helped us move steadily forward in improving local public education standards. Through collaborative efforts with the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, Comcast's Internet Essentials program has become an oft-utilized tool for many area students, offering them a chance to pick up highly desirable computer and internet skills. With a shared goal of closing the digital divide, Savannah-Chatham Schools and Comcast recently partnered to host a Digital Literacy Expo for students and their families. The event drew more than 100 attendees and emphasized the importance of digital literacy as it is a necessary component to effective education as well as workforce and economic development.

Comcast's commitment to education within the Savannah community is further evidenced through its signature scholarship program, Leaders and Achievers. The program rewards young people for getting involved in their schools and making positive change in their communities. Since its inception in 2001,

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numerous Savannah area students have been recognized as Comcast Leaders and Achievers. Most recently in 2014, eleven local awardees each received a scholarship of \$1,000 to further their college education. To date, Comcast has awarded close to \$20 million to nearly 20,000 Leaders and Achievers Scholarship winners throughout the country.

Comcast also has shown a dedicated commitment to improving its infrastructure to ensure that all users have continual access to a safe and secure network. Comcast has invested billions in its network, and has increased broadband speeds 13 times in the last twelve years. It also doubles the capacity of its network every 18 months. Comcast has always supported its core mission, which is to provide the fastest, most secure and most accessible broadband speeds to its consumers. I am also impressed by Comcast's pursuit to expand their Xfinity Wi-Fi hotspots. For customers, being able to log in to Comcast services in major public areas encourages productivity for business and personal projects.

Here in Savannah, Comcast is a key business advocate for creating a local entrepreneurial ecosystem that helps create jobs and foster growth. Through excellent business-class service options to a dedicated commitment to improving our local economy, I am continually impressed by the vision that drives the company. It is my hope that the FCC will give favorable consideration to this proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. I believe that this transaction will be a major advancement for businesses on a local level and for those operating in many regions across the nation.

Sincerely,



William W. Hubbard

President & CEO

Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce